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WEST NILE VIRUS – CITY COMMUNICATIONS

As the number of human cases of West Nile Virus grows, and as the areas in which infected birds and mosquitoes are found continues to expand to encompass the entire County, it is important that the cities in our County be fully informed about programs and activities underway in their communities.

Much of the effort for mosquito abatement is the responsibility of the vector control districts, and the responsibility for surveillance is with Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. The responsibility for education is shared among the agencies. However, ultimately many residents look to their city governments for information or help on this issue. The Department’s Public Health unit has a speaker’s bureau of staff from the Service Planning Areas and programs, who are trained to provide information and education on a variety of topics, including West Nile Virus.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to offer the services of the Public Health Speakers Bureau, by making presentations to City Councils and other community organizations in the cities. This is to include communications with the Mayor and City Manager of the cities, letting them know of the status of West Nile Virus in the County and what resources are available for their residents, and how to access those resources.

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